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Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM				
The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:				
Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) January 10, 2003	P2003-004927			
item (2)				
item (3)				
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item (5)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.				
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Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY				
Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used): ISA / JP				
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This international application contains:

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request (including declaration sheets) : 5
description (excluding sequence listings and/or tables related thereto) : 17
claims : 2
abstract : 1
drawings : 8

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